

## Public Education: WPU History 1973 to 2009

Comparison of the Value of the Weighted Pupil Unit, Number of Weighted Pupil Units  
and Total Fall Enrollment

Fiscal Year	Value of the WPU	Percent Change	Total WPUs	Percent Change	Fall Enrollment	Percent Change
1973	**DU**		**DU**		306,264	
1974	508		352,710		306,299	0.0%
1975	560	10.2%	356,430	1.1%	307,924	0.5%
1976	621	10.9%	358,865	0.7%	309,708	0.6%
1977	683	10.0%	368,593	2.7%	314,471	1.5%
1978	732	7.2%	376,267	2.1%	317,308	0.9%
1979	795	8.6%	379,647	0.9%	324,468	2.3%
1980	852	7.2%	387,041	1.9%	332,575	2.5%
1981	946	11.0%	400,357	3.4%	342,885	3.1%
1982	1,003	6.0%	422,381	5.5%	354,540	3.4%
1983	1,081	7.8%	439,216	4.0%	369,338	4.2%
1984	1,103	2.0%	459,306	4.6%	378,208	2.4%
1985	1,124	1.9%	484,350	5.5%	390,141	3.2%
1986	1,180	5.0%	504,398	4.1%	405,305	3.9%
1987	1,204	2.0%	519,047	2.9%	415,994	2.6%
1988	1,204	0.0%	528,317	1.8%	423,386	1.8%
1989	1,204	0.0%	533,448	1.0%	429,551	1.5%
1990	1,240	3.0%	539,895	1.2%	435,762	1.4%
1991	1,346	8.5%	551,308	2.1%	444,732	2.1%
1992	1,408	4.6%	604,264	9.6%	454,218	2.1%
1993	1,490	5.8%	605,626	0.2%	461,259	1.6%
1994	1,539	3.3%	622,372	2.8%	468,675	1.6%
1995	1,608	4.5%	635,379	2.1%	471,402	0.6%
1996	1,672	4.0%	642,121	1.1%	473,666	0.5%
1997	1,739	4.0%	648,532	1.0%	478,028	0.9%
1998	1,791	3.0%	666,891	2.8%	479,151	0.2%
1999	1,854	3.5%	668,465	0.2%	477,061	-0.4%
2000	1,901	2.5%	669,408	0.1%	475,974	-0.2%
2001	2,006	5.5%	671,513	0.3%	475,269	-0.1%
2002	2,116	5.5%	625,549	-6.8%	477,801	0.5%
2003	2,132	0.8%	627,795	0.4%	481,143	0.7%
2004	2,150	0.8%	631,771	0.6%	486,938	1.2%
2005	2,182	1.5%	642,701	1.7%	495,682	1.8%
2006	2,280	4.5%	652,990	1.6%	510,012	2.9%
2007	2,417	6.0%	675,758	3.5%	524,003	2.7%
2008	2,514	4.0%	697,207	3.2%	537,653	2.6%
2009	2,577	2.5%	714,055	2.4%	551,013	2.5%

### Notes:

- (1) Fall Enrollments by School Year. Fiscal Year 2007 = 2006-07 School Year, or Fall 2006 Enrollment.
- (2) Prior to 1974 Utah's education finance system used Distribution Units as the mechanism to distribute funds. The WPU was created through Legislation in the 1973 General Session.
- (3) In 1983 a converter was used to change WPUs to an ADM basis.

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